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Dear Examiner Wright:

Enclosed please find the following:

- 1.) Status Inquiry from Petition to Make Special Because of Applicants Age, including Status Inquiry Reply (2 pages).
- 2.) A copy of Petition to Make Special as filed on February 13, 2004(5 pages).
- 3.) Printout of PAIR inquiry (2 pages).

Best regards,

Ronald E. Smith
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STATUS INQUIRY

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Faxed to Technology Center 3600 at (703) 872-9326
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Date: May 12, 2004
In re application of: Robert Wheeler
Application No.: 10/707,590
Filed: December 23, 2003
For: Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel
Group No.: 3617
Examiner: Wright, Andrew D.
Practitioner's Docket No. 1027.02

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1. Almost 3 months have passed since the February 13, 2004 filing of a Petition to Make Special Because of Applicants Age. No communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this petition.
2. Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) indicates that no decision on the petition has been issued as of this date (a copy of PAIR printout is enclosed).
1. A copy of the petition filed on February 13, 2004 is also enclosed.
3. Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this petition, by checking the appropriate box on the next page and faxing to (727) 507-8668.

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STATUS INQUIRY REPLY

THE PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANTS AGE ON APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/707,590 HAS BEEN:

- ☐ GRANTED
- ☐ DENIED
- ☐ AWAITS REVIEW

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In re Application of: Robert L. Wheeler et al.

Serial No.: 10/707,590

Filed: 12/23/2003

For: Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel

Art Unit: Unassigned
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450TRANSMITTAL OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special for this application.
2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c), no fee is included with this petition.

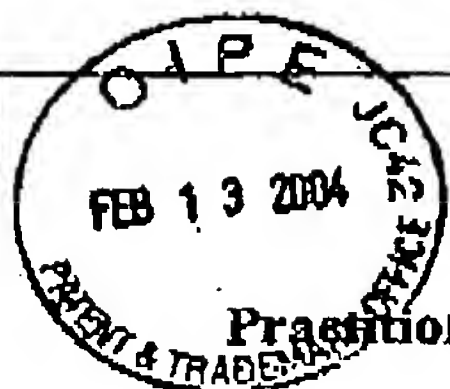
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE
(37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because applicants are over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by each applicant that he is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).


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